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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: HOW WE RESPOND TO CHONA'S  
CONCERNS ABOUT RICHARD'S VISIT AND THE RECONVENING OF THE  
GENEVA CONFERENCE (S/S 7626269 )

TO THE SECRETARY FROM AF-SCHAUFLE THROUGH MR. ROBINSON

### 1. PROBLEM

MARK CHONA HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN TO AMBASSADOR LOW CON-  
CERNING POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT OF THE DATE FOR REOPENING  
OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND URGES THAT RICHARD BRING A  
SPECIFIC PLAN RATHER THAN ASK FRONT-LINE VIEWS. HE HAS  
REQUESTED ADVANCE INFORMATION ON RICHARD'S PROPOSAL.  
SINCE RICHARD HAS NO SPECIFIC PLAN, WE CANNOT ACQUIESCE

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IN CHONA'S REQUEST BUT WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD GIVE HIM A  
RESPONSE. ACCORDINGLY, WE PROPOSE SENDING THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR LOW, FOR WHICH WE REQUEST YOUR  
APPROVAL.

2. BEGIN TEXT. FOR AMBASSADOR LOW ONLY. WITH REGARD

TO CHONA'S CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN LUSAKA 3453, YOU MAY  
RESPOND AS FOLLOWS:

"WE ARE UNAWARE OF AN ALLEGED CAMPAIGN TO POSTPONE THE  
RECONVENING OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND WE APPRECIATE  
CHONA'S DESIRE THAT CONFERENCE BE RECONVENED ON JANUARY 17,  
AS SCHEDULED. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT BRITISH INTEND TO  
COMPLY WITH THIS SCHEDULE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. THE BEST  
WAY TO ASSURE THIS IS FOR ALL PARTIES TO RESPOND CON-

STRUCTIVELY AND REALISTICALLY TO RICHARD'S CURRENT EFFORTS  
TO BRIDGE THE GAP CURRENTLY SEPARATING THE PARTIES.

"WITH REGARD TO CHONA'S DESIRE THAT RICHARD ARRIVE WITH A  
SPECIFIC AND DETAILED PROPOSAL, IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING  
THAT HE WILL BE PRESENTING IDEAS WHICH, HOPEFULLY, WILL  
SERVE AS A BASIS FOR A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL. WE UNDERSTAND  
CHONA'S CONCERN BUT, IN THE INTEREST OF SETTLEMENT, WE  
SEE ADVANTAGE TO AGREEMENT GROWING OUT OF CONSULTATIVE  
PROCESS RATHER THAN USING SPECIFIC PROPOSAL WHICH RISKS  
REJECTION BY ONE SIDE OR OTHER AND MAKES NEGOTIATING  
PROCESS MORE DIFFICULT.

"WE UNDERSTAND THAT RICHARD WILL BE ARRIVING IN LUSAKA  
ON DECEMBER 31 AND NO DOUBT THE ZAMBIANS WILL WISH TO  
CONVEY THEIR VIEWS DIRECTLY TO RICHARD." END TEXT

3. RECOMMENDATION:

THAT YOU APPROVE THE ABOVE CABLE TO AMBASSADOR LOW.  
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APPROVE:

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4. DRAFTED BY AF:TWSEELYE.  
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5. FOR COVEY FROM COLLUMS: LUSAKA'S 3453 RECEIVED IN  
DEPARTMENT DECEMBER 24 AND SHOULD BE IN YOUR DECEMBER 24  
SOUTHERN AFRICA CABLE FOLDER.

ROBINSON

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